

## BIG RED CROSS DRIVE FOR CASH AND MEMBERS

CAMPAIGN TO BE VIGOROUSLY WAGED THROUGHOUT LOWNDES COUNTY.

## WOODWARD LEADER

Prominent and Patriotic Insurance Man Will Direct Local Drive.

Preliminary plans for an energetic campaign which is to be waged throughout Columbus and Lowndes county with the view of obtaining additional cash and new members for the American Red Cross Society were formulated at a meeting which was held at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday night.

After calling the meeting to order Mr. W. N. Puckett, chairman of the Lowndes county Red Cross chapter, introduced Mr. J. P. Woodward, who is to direct the local drive for money and members, and Mr. Woodward briefly but cogently outlined the plan of campaign. It is the purpose of the American Red Cross Society to wage a nation-wide drive for the purpose of increasing its membership to 15,000,000, and Lowndes county has been asked to furnish 2,763 recruits. The membership fee is only one dollar, but Mr. Woodward wants those who join to pledge a certain amount each month to the local chapter, so that the splendid work which it is now carrying on will not be hampered. The money thus contributed will be devoted largely to the purchase of material, and as every dollar contributed will purchase a sufficient amount of wool to make garments valued at \$2.50 the man who contributes really gives the American soldier the worth of his donation more than twice over in sweaters, socks, bandages or other supplies for which the need is most urgent.

The general committee which will have charge of the campaign in Lowndes county is made up of the following gentlemen: Messrs. J. P. Woodward, chairman, T. W. Harris, J. B. Williams, E. A. Stanley, S. B. Johnston, I. L. Gaston, Joseph Donoghue, Parker Reeves, T. A. McGahey, W. N. Puckett, F. P. Phillips.

A feature of the campaign will be snappy speeches by "four-minute men," and the following committee was named to provide speakers: Messrs. S. B. Johnston, chairman; Joseph Donoghue, I. L. Gaston, A. publicity committee consisting of Mr. P. W. Maer, chairman, Messrs. J. P. Woodward and George Senter was also appointed and other committees will be named later.

The campaign will necessitate a vast amount of stenograph work, and Miss Bessie Tucker, an expert stenographer, has evinced her patriotism by voluntarily offering to perform this work without compensation. Her offer has been accepted and she will maintain headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce throughout the progress of the campaign.

## MASONIC LODGE NAMES OFFICERS

FORMAL INSTALLATION WILL TAKE PLACE THURSDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 27.

At a meeting of Columbus Lodge No. 5, F. and A. M., which was held Friday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. T. Gibson, Worshipful Master; D. F. McCullough, Senior Warden; J. F. Nicks, Junior Warden; Haley Reeves, Treasurer; W. A. Deale, Secretary; C. H. Hale, Lecturer; Mike Kerby, Tyler.

The newly elected officers will be installed St. John's night, Tuesday, December 7. The installation will be followed by a banquet, at which members of the local lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, and other guests will be present.

## BILBO HERE ON THURSDAY NIGHT

GOVERNOR WILL DELIVER ADDRESS IN DEFENSE OF THE NEW STATE TAX LAW.

Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., a prominent local grocer who has long been a staunch friend and supporter of Governor Theodore G. Bilbo, is in receipt of a letter from the governor in which he states that he will deliver an address at the court house in this city on Thursday, December 13, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Governor Bilbo is delivering addresses throughout the state in defense of the new tax law, which has proven so unsatisfactory to the people that a number of petitions seeking its repeal are now in circulation. It is understood that the governor contends that the law is really beneficial to farmers, as, according to his claims, it takes the burden of heavy taxation from their shoulders and places it upon those of the corporation. The law, however, has not had this effect in Lowndes county, as the advance in assessments of taxable lands have been rather heavy and have added materially to the taxes of owners of these lands.

Although the people of Columbus and Lowndes county are by no means satisfied with the new tax law, they realize that Governor Bilbo is entitled to a respectful hearing on the subject, and he will doubtless be greeted by a representative audience.

### Music Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll for the piano-forte normal department at the I. I. and C., for November:

Misses Clare Mayfield, Lillie Mae Shearer, Mary Lou Broome, Pauline Morris, Virginia Wilkinson, Alton McGahey, Anna Banks, Evelyn Caine, Neida Larkworthy, Etoile Scofield, Corra Wyatt, Elizabeth Vandergrift, Frances Bishop, Sidney Bell, Opal Roby, Blanche Wyatt, Frances Smith, Marjorie Swamy, Elizabeth Egger, Willetta Gardner, Lucile Taylor, Rosa Higgins, Caplinger Land, Mildred Dowdle, Leta Richardson, Carrie Battle Palmer, Missie Puckett, Ruth Young, Velma Stimpson, Madeline Bell, Venita Sweeney, Estelle Sweeney, Annie Louise Burrage, Mary Hays, Clara Ralston, Elise Leech and Antoinette Walker.

## SEVERAL CHANGES IN SCHEDULE TODAY

NIGHT TRAINS ON MOBILE AND OHIO WILL LEAVE CITY LATER THAN USUAL.

Several changes will become effective in the schedule of the Mobile and Ohio today.

The most important changes will be on the outgoing night trains. No. 10 going south, which has heretofore left here at 11:20 p. m., will in the future leave at 12:20 a. m. No. 122 going north, which has been departing at 2:05 a. m., will now leave at 2:45 a. m. No. 121 which has been arriving here at 1:25 each morning will in the future arrive at 2:05 a. m., and No. 123 which was due here at 4 a. m., will be expected to arrive at 4:30 instead.

There is to be no change in No. 106, the train which has been arriving here each morning at 10:20 o'clock, but No. 104, which has been due in the city at 4:07 p. m., will now arrive four minutes earlier, being due here at 4:03 p. m.

Douglas Fairbanks, Noted Athletic Screen Star At Princess Monday

The Princess will offer, as an attraction extraordinary, for Monday, December 10th, the noted athletic screen star, Douglas Fairbanks, in a fast moving photoplay of the great outdoors, "The Man From Painted Post." It is a picture of thrills and many hearty laughs, and is chuck full of the famous "Fairbanks Pep." This one will certainly make you sit up and take notice, it is a wrinkle remover and nerve tonic combined.

Matinee at 3:00 and 4:45. Night at 7:30 and 9:45. Admission: Children 10 cents, Adults 15 cents.

## LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN HALIFAX BIG

COLLISION OF FRENCH AND BELGIAN VESSELS IS DISASTROUS

## NEAR 5,000 VICTIMS

Property Loss is Between Twenty-five and Thirty Million Dollars.

According to late press dispatches, five thousand lives were lost and property valued at between twenty and thirty million dollars was destroyed as the result of a collision between a Belgian relief ship and a French vessel loaded with munition which took place in Halifax harbor last Thursday afternoon. While the cause of the collision has not yet been fully determined, it is said to have been due to a misinterpretation of signals.

Suffering entailed by the disaster has been intensified by a fierce blizzard which swept the city of Halifax and the surrounding country Friday night. A late press dispatch from the stricken city says:

"Stricken Halifax was swept Friday night by a raging blizzard. So fierce was the storm that rescue workers were forced to suspend their operations in the devastated section. It is believed certain that all the injured buried under the ruins of shattered buildings have perished of cold and hunger.

"Battered by a biting wind and blinding snow, the plight of the survivors of Friday's holocaust is little short of desperate. The windows and doors of virtually every house in the city were shattered by the explosion which wrecked the Richmond section and devastated a large part of the water front. Improvised barricades of boards give little protection against the elements and attempts to heat buildings into which the snow is steadily drifting are hopeless.

"The city is again in darkness tonight except for the illumination afforded by a scanty supply of oil lamps, and unless these are carefully screened they are extinguished as soon as lighted by the gale which whistles through the crude shutters. Only a small percentage of the buildings have even this slight protection from the storm."

## WANT THE PEAVY BRIDGE REPLACED

MERCHANTS SAY ABSENCE OF STRUCTURE IS DELETERIOUSLY AFFECTING TRADE.

The Peavy bridge, which formerly spanned the Buttahatchie river at a point which marks the dividing line between Lowndes and Monroe counties, has been down for several months, and now that the busy season has set in local merchants find that they are losing a considerable amount of trade which formerly came to them from the section affected, as farmers living on the other side of the stream find it impossible to come to Columbus.

The bridge, being on the county line, was jointly maintained by Lowndes and Monroe counties, and the boards of supervisors of the two counties have as yet been unable to reach an agreement which would result in rehabilitating the structure. Local merchants, however, realize the urgent necessity for getting the bridge in shape at the earliest possible date, and with that end in view are bringing strong pressure to bear on public officials whose duty it is to look after the matter.

Mrs. J. J. Windham is spending several days in Gordo, Ala., the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Ezell.

Mr. A. C. Ezell, of McShan, Ala., spent Thursday in the city with relatives.



REV. W. L. DUREN.

Rev. Duren, who for four years past has served as pastor of the First Methodist church in this city, was recently named as presiding elder of the Columbus district. He will continue to make this city his home.

## AMERICAN DESTROYER SUNK BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE

Washington, Dec. 3.—German submarines have claimed another American destroyer with heavy loss of life.

The navy department Saturday afternoon announced that the destroyer Jacob Jones, one of the latest type had been torpedoed and sunk while on patrol duty in foreign waters on Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Only 37 of the members of the crew of the Jacob Jones were rescued and they suffered greatly from exposure.

All of those rescued were picked up from life rafts by other destroyers which hurried to the scene.

It is understood that the Jones carried a crew of about 100 men and it also is understood that among the 63 or more who are missing were many of the officers of the craft.

## ELKS DOING THEIR PART FOR SOLDIERS

MAKE BIG DONATION FOR RECONSTRUCTION HOSPITAL IN BOSTON.

The Elks' war relief commission announces that the government has accepted a gift of \$250,000 from the Elks to provide a great reconstruction hospital—the first in the United States—where maimed and disabled American soldiers and sailors may receive the best of expert attention and occupational instruction.

The institution, the commission said, will be erected on Parker Hill, contiguous to the Robert Brigham Hospital. It will consist of a complete unit of twin ward hospital buildings, vocational workshops, barracks, mess hall, and post exchange.

The members of Columbus Lodge, No. 555, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks have already subscribed their proportionate part to this undertaking.

### Cold Weather Here.

A few flakes of snow fell in this section yesterday morning, and during the day the thermometer continued to drop. At a late hour last night, according to Weather Observer Joe B. Love, the thermometer was around the 18 point.

Rev. Fry to Preach. Rev. R. Excel Fr. of Gadsden, Ala., will preach this morning and evening at the First Presbyterian church. Everybody is cordially invited.

## ONLY ONE VOTE THE POLLUTION AGAINST NEW SURVEY MATTER WAR MEASURE IS POSTPONED

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA-HUNGARY SEVERED. ABSENCE OF SUPERVISORS SERVES TO DELAY DECISION.

## LONDON DISSENTS TO MEET FRIDAY

Socialist in Lower Branch is Roundly Attacked For His Course. Question Will Probably Be Definitely Disposed of at That Time.

Washington, Dec. 8.—War between the United States and Austria-Hungary was formally declared Friday.

Congress, with one dissenting vote in the House, adopted and President Wilson approved a resolution declaring existence of a state of war between the "imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and the government and people of the United States," authorizing the President to employ the nation's armed forces and pledging its resources to victory.

The resolution, the response of Congress to the President's request in his address Tuesday, is similar to that passed April 6 declaring war with Germany. It became effective at 5:03 p. m. Friday, when it was signed by the executive without formality. An executive proclamation will follow shortly.

After only one hour's debate, the resolution was unanimously adopted by the Senate with an affirmative vote of 74. It was approved by the House, 363 to 1. Representative London, the New York socialist, casting the only dissenting vote. A few minutes later Vice President Marshall and Speaker Clark had signed the document and sent it back to the White House, where President Wilson attached his signature with Secretary Tumulty and Assistant Secretary Forster as the only witnesses.

Mrs. Clara Floyd and Miss Otis Strickland, of Gordo, Ala., were among the visitors in the city Friday.

## CIVIC LEAGUE WILL HEAR PROF. MCKAY

PROMINENT MISSISSIPPIAN WILL DELIVER ADDRESS HERE FRIDAY.

The Civic League will hold its regular meeting next Friday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce at 2:30 o'clock. Professor A. B. McKay, of the Department of Horticulture of the A. and M. College will speak on "City Beautifying."

Professor McKay is an expert in his line, and his services are in constant demand over the state for lectures and practical assistance by those interested in civic improvement.

The league is particularly eager to have attractive grounds for the various schools of the city and Mr. McKay will, with Mayor McClanahan's permission, visit these and other places designated and offer suggestions as to planting and placing of shrubbery, trees, etc.

Everybody interested is urged to hear Professor McKay.

### Centennial Celebration Tomorrow.

The Mississippi Industrial Institute and College in this city, like other educational institutions throughout the commonwealth, will properly observe the coming centenary anniversary of the state's admission into the Union. Hon. P. I. Whitfield, president of the institution, states that while the program will not be very elaborate it will be patriotic and instructive. Prof. Debnay Lipscomb, vice-president of the college, who ranks high as a historian, will give a brief history of the state and there will be other interesting features.

The local public schools will, it is understood, also have appropriate exercises in honor of the anniversary.

The Lowndes County board of supervisors met in special session at 10 o'clock Saturday morning for the purpose of discussing a pollution survey of the county which the Rockefeller foundation proposes to make if sufficient local aid and co-operation can be secured; but two members of the board, Messrs. T. J. Walters and J. M. Ledbetter, were unavoidably absent, and as definite action could not be taken without a full board final decision in the matter was postponed until 10 o'clock next Friday morning, when another special meeting will be held.

In the event that the proposed survey is made it will take place under the supervision of the Mississippi state board of health, and Dr. C. Cross, a representative of that body, spent several days of the past week in Columbus discussing the matter with local officials and civic leaders. It is estimated that the survey will cost \$12,000, and of this sum the Rockefeller foundation will furnish \$8,000, the county putting the remaining \$4,000.

The survey has been indorsed by the Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Institute and College, and in the event that the offer made by Dr. Cross is accepted, Hon. H. L. Whitfield, president of the college, has promised to have all necessary chemical work done in the laboratory of that institution absolutely free. This will materially reduce the cost of the survey, making it possible for Lowndes county to complete the undertaking at much less expense than would be entailed in many other counties throughout the state.

### The Junior Class Play at College Chapel On January Eleventh

The Junior Class of I. I. and C. will present "An American Citizen" in the College Chapel on January 11th, at eight o'clock. The proceeds of the performance will be given to the Red Cross. Nat Goodwin and Maxine Elliott, who are so well known to all of us, appeared in this comedy when it was first staged in New York. Wit and humor pervade the entire play. Those who saw, last year, the delightful play "Little Lord Fauntleroy," which Miss Grace Massengale coached, will hear with pleasure that she has also consented to coach "An American Citizen." Come and swell the Red Cross fund, and get your money's worth with an evening of wholesome enjoyment.

## MR. POPE BEGINS PASTORATE TODAY

SUCCESSOR TO REV. W. L. DUREN WILL DELIVER FIRST SERMON THIS MORNING.

Rev. S. L. Pope, who at the recent session of the North Mississippi Methodist Conference was named to succeed Rev. W. L. Duren as pastor of the First Methodist church, reached the city last night and will begin his pastorate today, conducting services both morning and evening.

Mr. Pope was not accompanied by his family, and is the guest of Prof. and Mrs. Dabney Lipscomb at their home on College street, where he will remain until his wife and children arrive.

Mr. Pope is by no means a stranger here, having served the Central Methodist church as pastor nearly a decade ago, and has countless friends in Columbus who are glad to again welcome him both as a minister and as a citizen.